

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 13, 2021

6:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, Rue and President Copeland. City Manager Heck, Community Development Director Meadows, Planning, Zoning and Code Administrator Steve Thompson.

GUESTS: Alison Goebel and Aaron Clapper from Greater Ohio Policy Center.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

1. Mrs. Meadows introduced Alison Goebel, Executive Director, and Aaron Clapper, Senior Manager of Outreach and Projects, of Greater Ohio Police Center (GOPC). Ms. Goebel explained the GOPC's mission to improve Ohio communities and reviewed the timeline of organization's review of housing in Springfield. GOPC was contracted to complete a Comprehensive Housing Analysis in October 2018 and presented the Analysis to City Commissioners in August 2019. GOPC was contracted to prepare a multi-year strategic plan for Springfield housing in the Fall 2019, but work was halted in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By Fall 2020, GOPC staff restarted the strategic plan work with a draft scheduled for presentation by Summer 2021 and presentation of the final plan Fall 2021.

Part of the strategic plan work includes a citywide housing survey. Citizens are asked to participate by accessing the online survey at www.thisisourfield.com through April 30, 2021. Virtual office hours are available at 929-436-2866. Paper copies and local assistance is available at 937-324-7380.

Mrs. Chilton asked Ms. Goebel to explain why it is important for citizens to participate in the survey. Ms. Goebel indicated GOPC is committed to planning with citizens rather than planning for citizens. The survey is completed anonymously, and the desire is to have as many perspectives as possible to determine concerns and find solutions.

Mrs. Chilton then asked Mrs. Meadows to explain the benefit of citizen participation. Mrs. Meadows explained the process is key to developing a plan to address housing issues and hold staff and leaders accountable in providing housing options.

Mr. Heck noted the survey process is a good example of public and private partnerships addressing housing issues.

2. On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Adj. 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission